



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration



County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

This notice is to inform the general public and responsible agencies that the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (CLADPW), as Lead Agency, proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Haines Canyon Channel Outlet Maintenance project.

Project Description: The Haines Canyon Channel Outlet project site is owned and maintained by the CLADPW as part of a network of flood control facilities. The project site consists of a soft bottom channel extending downstream from a rectangular concrete boxed channel outlet for approximately 360 feet. Haines Canyon Channel Outlet is currently permitted for annual vegetation clearing activities under the Clean Water Act and the California Department of Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et. seq.

Substantial sediment accumulation has occurred at this outlet from a combination of heavy storm events in recent years and the presence of vegetation that impedes the downstream flow of stormwater. This has subsequently caused ponding of water at the outlet mouth and rerouting of seasonal water flows outside the CLADPW right-of-way (ROW). The Haines Canyon Channel Outlet Maintenance project proposes to: reconfigure the primary drainage within the CLADPW ROW by removing accumulated sediment, and possibly trees, that are currently impeding the preferred flow of water; regrade the soft-bottom channel; and fill in the ponded area. The purpose of the project is to alleviate the standing water and restore the functionality of the flood control channel. The proposed project would also ameliorate the public safety hazard related to the potential for stagnant water to be a breeding site for mosquitoes, which can carry West Nile Virus. The proposed work is beyond the scope of annual maintenance activities for which the CLADPW is currently permitted. Therefore, CLADPW requires a modification to the existing Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA), and the process of applying for a new or modified SAA (currently underway) requires a completed CEQA document.

Public Review Dates: Monday, June 19, 2006 through Wednesday, July 19, 2006

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as all referenced documents, will be available for public review at two locations: CLADPW's Hansen Yard, located at 10179 Glenoaks Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352; and CLADPW's offices at 900 S. Fremont Ave., Annex 2nd Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803. **Please direct your written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration by no later than Wednesday, July 19, 2006 to Ms. Jemellee Quintana-Cruz, P.E. at the CLADPW offices at 900 S. Fremont Ave., Annex 2nd Floor, Alhambra, CA, 91803-1331.**

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact Ms. Quintana-Cruz at (626) 458-4170.

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